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PRESIDENT TRUMAN NOMINATES MONNET DAVIS AS UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- President Truman today nominated Monnet Davis to the post of U.S. Ambassador to Israel. The nomination has been sent to the Senate for confirmation.

Mr. Davis, who succeeds James G. McDonald, is now U.S. Ambassador to Panama and was formerly Minister to Denmark. At one time he served as U.S. representative on the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East. Immediately following the termination of World War II, he served in Washington as director of the Office of Foreign Service of the State Department.

The White House disclosed that President Truman accepted Ambassador McDonald's resignation reluctantly. In a letter to McDonald the President expressed "deepest appreciation for the outstanding service you have rendered as special representative of the United States to the Provisional Government of Israel since March, 1949, as first American Ambassador to Israel."

U.S. INDUSTRIAL DELEGATION TO GO TO ISRAEL; WILL STIMULATE INVESTMENT IN JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- A large delegation of American industrialists will leave this spring for Israel to make a firsthand study of economic conditions there for the purpose of stimulating interest in private American investment in the Jewish state.

An announcement to this effect was made today by Isadore I. Turover, of Washington, D.C., national co-chairman of the Economic Committee of the Zionist Organization of America. Speaking at the first economic conference arranged here by the Z.O.A. for the promotion of private investment in Israel, Mr. Turover said that the delegation will be composed of outstanding businessmen and heads of American plants.

The conference was also addressed by Edward I. Eghtman, general manager of the Manufacturers Association of Israel. He declared that since the end of the last world war the industrial potential of Israel has grown considerably. "Israel, as a vital hub in the Middle East, particularly in time of international emergency, must receive substantial American backing and support to safeguard and preserve its economy as a democratic bastion in the Middle East," he stated.

Nathan Strause III, a director of the Palestine Economic Corporation, revealed at the conference that the General Tire and Rubber Company and the P.E.C. have combined to start a \$2,500,000 rubber products factory in Israel. "The plant machinery and equipment are being purchased in the United States," he said, "and the first partial shipment will go forward this week aboard a vessel of the Israel-America Line. It is expected that the factory will export to Near East markets as well as meet the needs for tires in Israel."

JEWISH AGENCY PLANS TO ABSORB IN FIVE YEARS ALL JEWS DESIRING TO COME TO ISRAEL

EIN CHEV, Israel, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency has prepared a five-year plan designed to receive and absorb in Israel all Jews compelled or desiring to come to Israel from all parts of the world, it was revealed here today at a press conference by Levi Eshkol, treasurer of the Jewish Agency.

About 500 new settlements will be established during the five years for the absorption of the immigrants. It is expected that Israel will become agriculturally self-sufficient during this period.

ISRAELIS CONFIDENT OF FUTURE. LABOR M.P. DECLARES; SAYS GOODWILL TOWARD BRITAIN GROWING

LONDON, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The people of Israel have absolute confidence in their economic future and in their ability to withstand renewed Arab attacks, Ian Mikardo, Labor M.P., declared today upon his return from a three-week visit to Israel. Speaking to a press conference, he stressed that the "marked increase of British goodwill toward Israel in recent months has been outmatched by the growth of Israel goodwill towards Britain."

Mr. Mikardo expressed the opinion that although Israel's foreign policy is officially one of "non-identification" with either power bloc, the policy would have to be modified in the event of an emergency. Asked whether he had discussed the question of Israel granting Britain a military base in the Negev--a suggestion he had made in an article just before he left for Israel--the Laborite said that he had not discussed it.

(In Israel, the diplomatic correspondent of the Jerusalem Post recently wrote: "It is believed in London that should the international situation worsen, new British bases on the Jordan side of the frontier would not be unwelcome to Israel, especially as there would appear to be no chance of any substantial American arms or other military aid appearing in the Middle East.")

Mr. Mikardo added, however, that he had been queried about his article and that Mapam leaders had expressed hostility to his idea. But, he insisted, Mapam leaders believe "less and less in their own line" that leasing a base to Britain would make "Israel a British vassal." He also disagreed with a fellow Labor M.P., Richard Crossman--currently a guest of President Weizmann--who has asserted that there is antipathy in Israel toward Americans. The Israelis, Mikardo said, are more impressed by the British attitude in international affairs than by the American, which he characterized as more explosive than the British.

ABA HUSHI, MAPAI LEADER, ELECTED MAYOR OF HAIFA; LABORITE ELECTED IN BERYLIA

HAIFA, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- ABA Hushi, Mapai leader, deputy in the Israel Parliament and secretary of the Haifa Labor Council, was today elected Mayor of Haifa by a vote of 13 to eight. He was supported by a coalition of the Mapai, Mapam, Religious Bloc and Communist Party against a General Zionist-Progressive Party-Erut line-up.

In Berylia another Mapai candidate, Ben Zion Michaeli was elected chairman of the town's municipal council over Progressive Party leader Dr. I. Horowitz.

BOMB THROWN IN BAGHDAD SYNAGOGUE; ONE PERSON KILLED, MANY MORE WOUNDED BY RIOT

LONDON, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- At least one person was killed and more than a score wounded yesterday when a bomb was thrown in the Masouda Shemtob Synagogue at Baghdad, it was reported here today from Iraq. Some of the wounded are said to be in serious condition.

WAR VETERANS FEDERATION IN FRANCE BRINGS LIBEL SUIT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC NEWSPAPER

PARIS, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The Federation of the Associations of Jewish War Veterans today brought a libel action against "Aspects de la France," the organ of the anti-Semitic organization Action Francaise.

The suit was brought because of a series of anti-Semitic articles published by Action Francaise declaring that Jews were responsible for the war and for the sufferings it brought for France. The Federation will be represented at the trial by very prominent lawyers.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT PUBLISHES PROCEDURE FOR CLAIMING PROPERTY SEIZED BY NAZIS

PARIS, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Claims for the return of property stolen or confiscated by the Nazis during the occupation of France must be filed within the next three months, it was announced this week-end in the Official Gazette.

In the event that the original owner of the property is dead his legal heirs or successors must file application to annul the property transfer by April 1, 1951, or within six months after the original owner is officially declared dead, whichever is later. The procedure was contained in an amendment to an act of 1945 dealing with the annulment of "acts of spoliation" committed by the Nazis or their collaborators during the occupation.

YIVO THANKS U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR ASSISTANCE IN RECOVERING ARCHIVES, VALUABLE BOOKS

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- A resolution thanking the Government of the United States for its assistance in the bringing over of the cultural treasures of the Yiddish Scientific YIVO Institute from Nazi-occupied Europe to this country was adopted here last night at the 25th jubilee conference of the Institute in which representatives of more than 120 organizations have participated.

The four-day conference, which will conclude on Wednesday, also adopted resolutions thanking the Joint Distribution Committee for aiding the Yiddish Scientific Institute in its work and expressing regret that a number of Jewish federations and welfare funds have not made any allocations to the YIVO. The conference also adopted a resolution protesting against the refusal of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York to grant it material aid.

Speaking at the conference, Mendel Elkin, one of the leaders of the Institute, revealed for the first time the role played by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, General Lucius Clay and General John Hilldring in helping the Institute rescue its archives and about 50,000 valuable books and transport them from Europe to the United States. Other speakers included Dr. Jacob Shatzky, Dr. Max Weinreich, Professor Abraham J. Heschel and Louis H. Sobel, chairman of the board of directors of the Institute.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS WARNS AGAINST MITIGATION OF SENTENCES OF NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today expressed deep concern over the current agitation in Western Germany for early pardon and release of Nazi war criminals now serving sentences imposed by the Nuremberg Court.

In telegrams to Secretary of State Dean Acheson and High Commissioner John J. McCloy, Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the American Jewish Congress, warned that any amnesty or release of these war criminals would seriously impair the prestige of the Nuremberg Court and encourage anti-democratic and anti-Semitic movements within Germany.

BUENOS AIRES JEWISH DOCTOR RECEIVES AWARD AS OUTSTANDING SURGEON OF ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The Finnochietti Prize, annually awarded to outstanding surgeons, was presented today to Dr. David Fairman. He has received other important medical awards in the past.

NEW YORK MUSIC CRITICS LAUD CONCERT OF ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA AT CARNEGIE HALL

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Laudatory reviews of the first concert of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra last night at Carnegie Hall are carried today by the entire New York press. The music critic of the New York Times says that the orchestra "gave an admirable account of itself.

"What we have here is an accomplished orchestra of 95 excellent musicians, capable of the admirably competent interpretation of the modern repertory, playing with an alertness and feeling worthy of the culture and the ideals for which it stands," the New York Times critic wrote. Similar views were expressed by the music critics of the New York Herald Tribune and other newspapers.

CHAIR OF HEBREW CULTURE AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY TO BE ENDOWED IN PERPETUITY

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The Chair of Hebrew Culture at New York University will be endowed in perpetuity through a fund of \$250,000, Maximilian Moss, chairman of the endowment fund for the chair and president of the New York City Board of Education, announced here. He added that it is hoped to raise the sum by June, 1951.

The University introduced the study of Hebrew in 1934 with two non-credit courses in its division of general education. Four years later Hebrew was introduced as an accredited course and in 1944 the Chair of Modern Hebrew Culture and Education was established.

REFUGEES FROM GERMANY DEDICATE SYNAGOGUE AS MEMORIAL TO JEWS ANNIHILATED IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The first synagogue built by refugees from Germany and Austria as a memorial to the six million Jews who perished in Europe was dedicated here yesterday by the Orthodox Congregation Ohav Sholom, which was formed in New York ten years ago. More than a thousand people attended the ceremony which was addressed by Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri and Congressman Jacob K. Javits.

Rep. Javits said he planned to support proposals in Congress that the United States should furnish \$500,000,000 to Israel by loans and grants, during the next three years. "Israeli-American relations," he declared, "must be considered hereafter in terms of United States security and world peace." This is why he urges the propriety of large-scale American aid to Israel, he explained.

MICHAEL STAVITSKY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Michael A. Stavitsky was elected to his fourth annual term as president of the American Association for Jewish Education at the 12th annual meeting of the Association, held today at the Hotel Biltmore here. The Association is a national service, promotion and coordinating agency for Jewish education. Sen. Herbert H. Lehman and Mark Eisner were re-elected honorary presidents of the Association.